## Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph starting at page 27, line 12 and ending at line 27 has been amended as follows.

Although not mentioned in the description of the preceding embodiments of the present invention, the printer 1000 may be provided with a means for matching the apparatus type against the type of the ink to be used, when identifying the type of the printer 1000. Further, in the preceding embodiments, the printing head 1050 having the ROM 1051 is used as the means for choosing the apparatus type for the printer 1000, which type the printer 1000 is going to be operated as. However, the means for choosing the apparatus type for the printer 1000 may be any means as long as it allows a user to choose the apparatus type for the printer 1000 before the printer 1000 is actually used. For example, the printer 1000 may be provided with a switch for choosing the apparatus type.

The paragraph starting at page 28, line 5 and ending at line 26 has been amended as follows.

Figure 9 is a block diagram of the printing system, in accordance with the present invention, made up of the printer 1000 and host computer 1100, showing the general structure thereof. In Figure 9, the components similar in structure to those of the printing system shown in Figure 1 are given the same referential symbols as those given in Figure 1, respectively. The printing system in this embodiment shown in Figure 9 is different from the printing system shown in Figure 1 in that the printer 1000 in this embodiment is

provided with an ink container holder 1090 on which an ink container 1080 is mounted, and a panel 1041 as a user I/F. The ink container 1080 is structured to be removably mountable on the ink container holder 1090. The ink container 1080 is a container for holding the ink to be supplied to the printing head 1050. As for the method of holding ink in the ink container 1080, one of various known methods may be employed. The structures of the components in this embodiments embodiment, which are similar to those in the first embodiment, will not be described in detail.

The paragraph starting at page 34, line 1 and ending at line 15 has been amended as follows.

The communication sequence in this embodiment is the same as that in the first embodiment described with reference to Figure 3. That is, if there is a demand from the host computer 1100 for the apparatus type identification data, the CPU 1010 determines whether or not the apparatus type has been identified, and carries out the processes relevant to the result of the identification. Here, like in the first embodiment, if the CPU 1010 determines that the apparatus type has been identified, it transmits to the host computer 1100 the printer identification data (confirmed apparatus type), whereas if it determines that the apparatus type has not been identified, it does not responds respond to the demand for the apparatus type identification data.